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“Hope Is Being Able To See That There Is Light Despite All The Darkness.”---Desmond Tutu

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*"I have a habit of being an archaeologist of my own past, a sentimental collector of personal artefacts which may at first glance appear random, but each of which holds a unique significance. As the years pass me by, I find that the number of objects within my possession begins to accumulate. A torn map. A sealed letter. A boat full of paper animals. Each item encapsulates within itself a story, akin to an outward manifestation of my inner journey."*

*—Agnes Chew, The Desire for Elsewhere*

Every “show and tell”, PowerPoint, and talk represents a piece of personal history for each collector. Many collections start as empty holes in an album which are slowly filled over the years. At some point the collection evolves into a diary of collecting achievements such as finding a key date in pocket change or finding a dealer with a long-desired piece for sale. As the collection expands and/or contracts, a new chapter is added to the collection’s history. With each chapter comes the desire to find and learn more about the pieces in the collection.

In my own collection, there are pieces that have connections to memorable events and people. I remember the bag of assorted world coins that my sister gave me which started my collecting journey. I also remember when my father gave me my grandfather’s wooden desk. In the process of refinishing the desk, I found a crumpling cloth bag containing worn coins which he had set aside in the 1920’s.

I wish everyone success in adding new chapters and stories to share with our fellow collectors, this New Year, 2019, and all years yet to be.

*Lloyd G. Chan  
(aka ‘Doctor’ Chan), President*

## MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

For this opening NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue of the new year, 2019, Your Editor would like to share some observations and recommendations that might enhance local coin clubs, which to Your Editor, and the late Lee H. Gong, believe are the backbone of organized numismatics.

There is no measure nor a matrix as to what constitutes a successful or the 'best' local coin club. The community, the meeting venue, the enthusiasm of its members, and it leadership are all factors, and none are common to each community and its demographic of the coin hobbyists.

Being a member, if abet by distance, with most all known local northern California coin clubs and elsewhere, even into Canada, here are a few observaations and recommendations.

**First, Start The Meeting On Time.** Decades ago, the local Vallejo (California) Numismatic Society had a President, a well-known and established local professional, who habitually arrived late and then would visit the bourse dealers and do business, while repeatedly remarking, aloud, "we will start the meeting in ten minutes."

**Second, Finish Before 9:00 PM.** As one who carools and drives distances to attend and to enjoy coin club meetings, a late weekday night is too long. Traffic, the security, night time driving, and such are not conducive to attendance, when coupled with a meeting ending late. It is certainly not for young hobbyists on a weekday school evening.

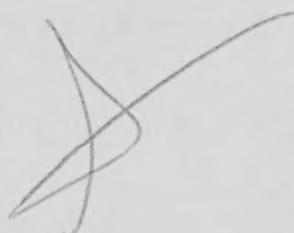
**Third, Healthy Refreshments.** This seems to be a perennial issue with local northern California coin clubs. There is the matter of cost and the real matter, and burden, of who does the labor involved. But, the health and age of most of members attending, this is an issue. Cookies and salted snacks plus soda drinks are not good. Make the effort and incur the cost and share healthy snacks and water.

**Fourth, Emphasize Sharing.** This is one outstanding asset among most all northern California local coin clubs, the encouragement of Show 'n Tell. Your Editor adds a suggestion advocated by the late 'Chuck' White: in lieu of a formal program, just ask and welcome an *extended* Show 'n Tell.

**Fifth, Good and Welfare.** Just as important as the routine business and pressing concerns, each meeting needs a Good and Welfare, when, briefly, members can share or report updates about the health, well-being, and news of fellow members. As the esteemed Robert F. Fritsch in Nashua, New Hampshire reminds, there is a coin community. Our coin community should be composed of kind, compassionate, and empathic individuals, united by a common thread of our hobby. Good and Welfare cements that bond and reiterates to us that fate and frailty of life and living.

These are only five observations and recommendations. NCNA HEADS AND TALES readers can add or adjust accordingly. The objective is to enhance a local coin club meeting's enjoyment and education, onto and for all members and also visitors.

Closing, let this quotation inspire: "*Change Your Thoughts and You Can Change The World.*"--Norman Vincent Peale



**Joint Effort/Endeavor**  
**Fairfield Coin Club**  
**Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA)**  
**Vallejo Numismatic Society**

**'Ike's For A's—JFK's For B's'**

Whereas the three aforementioned groups want to emulate the exemplary effort by Dr. Ralph Ross, of the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) and at his Stafford High School (Sugar Land, Texas), whereas it would be excellent positive publicity for the aforementioned three groups, whereas it would reward academic success, and also whereas it could spark interest into 'the world of money' hobby, therefore, these three groups hereby commence and support '**Ike's For A's—JFK's For B's**', at various northern California local coin club shows and local area coin clubs, which would welcome and invite presence.

'**Ike's For A's—JFKs For B's**' would reward students from the primary grades through high school for earning and being academically credited with letter grades of 'A's' and 'B's' at the rate of one (1) circulated 'Ike Dollar' for each 'A' and one circulated Kennedy ('JFK') Half Dollar for each 'B'.

The criteria would be: *one*, the student, who should be accompanying with an adult, preferably a parent or legal guardian, presenting, in person, his or her latest original report card issued by an accredited public or private school would be rewarded with the appropriate number of 'Ike Dollars' and 'Kenney Halves'. *Two*, the report card must be most recent semester grade report in the current academic/school year and issued by an accredited educational institution. *Three*, the presence must be at local northern California coin club coin show, which has previously publicized this effort. *Fourth*, there is no limit or restriction as to the number of 'Ike Dollar's' and 'Kennedy Halves' that a student could be rewarded. *Fifth*, the original report card shown must be in the generally recognized standard grading system of 'A to F' letter grades.

Needless to say, the success of this effort depends on generous and *in gratis* donations of 'Ike Dollars' and 'Kennedy Halves'. All donations are appreciated and would be acknowledged.

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**GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings**

**2019 Seminar**

*Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Annual*  
**CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR**  
*Saturday, September 14, 2019*  
**Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum**  
**734 Marin, at Capital in downtown, Vallejo, California**  
**Registration Opens: 8:30 AM**  
**Theme: 'Transportation Numismatics'**  
**FREE Admission and Museum Open To All Attendees!**  
**Door Prizes, Too!**

NCNA is proud to announce these four confirmed presenters:

**Geoffrey Bell, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada**

**Jeffery L. 'Jeff' Shevlin, Carson City, Nevada**

**Kyle W. Lubke, Palo Alto, California**

**Matthew L. Malvini, San Jose, California**

The four aforementioned have confirmed their respective participation; however, at this point, the title and theme of their particular presentation has yet to be determined. There is a special balance with this year's Seminar presenters: the first two one might identify as the 'old guys' while the latter two could be called 'the kids', as Kyle is 24 and Matthew is 19! Such a generational balance might prove interesting. Most NCNA HEADS AND TALES readers are familiar with 'Jeff' Shevlin, as the 'So-Called Dollar Guy'. Our Canadian brethren would know 'Geoff' as he is an established Canadian auctioneer, coin dealer, and twice Past President of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RNCA).

'The Kids' should not be discounted. Kyle is developing a presence as a coin dealer, and Matthew has already been published in NUMISMATIC NEWS and the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST. Both readily and promptly accepted the invitation and the challenge to create a program adhering to the Seminar's theme. For example, Matthew is considering a Power Point with emphasis on transit tokens during the time of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

More specifics would be reported in the May 2019 NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

## **2019 Seminar Patron**

Continuing the successful 'Patron' program and appeal from the prior Seminars, your Association seeks and solicits 'Patrons' at these two (2) levels:

<b>GOLD MINER</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar Engraved 'Token of Esteem'</b>
<b>PROSPECTOR</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted At Seminar</b>

It is hoped this generous support would build the Association's Treasury and insure solid financial funding for future Seminars.

'Patrons' are now being accepted and should be mailed to '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'. Include your name and responding contact. All 'Patrons' would be recognized at and during the 2018 Seminar and in its printed program.

**Note: Those 'Patrons' at the 'Gold Miner' level would be generously matched, by a 'dear friend of NCNA', 'dollar for dollar': \$100.00 being doubled to \$200.00!**

*Sidebar:* The concluded and successful 2018 Seminar had been named the 'James H. Laird Memorial Seminar' in tribute to the late James H. Laird (1954—2018). This name was only a one time tribute. His contributions and enthusiasm, however, shall never be forgotten.

## **2019 Dues**

Attached with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is your 2019 Dues Notice, if dues not already prepaid or a Life Member. Needless to say, prompt payment would be appreciated. Dues rates remain: \$5.00 for Individual Members and \$10.00 for Club Members. Remittances may to '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'.

Membership Cards are no longer issued.

New members are most welcome to join. Application procedure is quite simple: payment with name and mailing address, that's it

**Request:** Over the years, it is apparent that most all our Individual Members have email addresses. The efficiency in reminders, and promotion for the Seminar, as an example, would be greatly increased. Please add with you dues response your email, if you wish. *Thanks!*

## **Donnell Award**

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member) is available. Requests, in writing, are directly to '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410**' or at [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com). Only written requests, with specifics, are honored. The request must include the full proper name of the individual and the date to be bestowed. Retroactive awards are not allowed.

While presently there is no charge for '*Donnell Awards*', these are limited to a two (2) maximum per calendar year per requesting Club Member, and a *nominal donation* of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation as well as any mailing and handling. *Note:* The Awards Coordinator for our Association is Your Editor and Treasurer.

## **Coin Show Schedule**

The single most useful and popular of NCNA's services, the latest Coin Show Schedule has been included with this issue, and Club Members may request complimentary copies to distribute and to share among their members or at a local coin club's show. Contact Your Editor.

*Note:* Timely submission is imperative. Also, submissions must be direct to Fred G. van den Haak, Coin Show Schedule Coordinator, not Your Editor. He can be emailed at [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com).

Depending on date request was received, at least fifty (50) copies would be provided, in gratis.

## **'IKE's For A's/JFK's For B's**

Elsewhere in this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is an announcement for this new still being developed 'youth numismatic encouragement'. This effort copies an exemplary effort by the esteemed Dr. Ralph Ross at his Stafford (Sugar Land, Texas) High School.

The '**IKE's For A's/JFK's For B's**' has two intentions: *one*, to reward academic excellence, and *two*, entice youth into our 'world of money' with the simple premise: 'how many youngsters, or even adults, have seen and held an 'Ike Dollar' or Kennedy Half Dollar'.

Needless the success of this depends on the generous donations of common circulated 'Ike Dollars' and Kennedy Half Dollars. Surprisingly, some responded with nice donations.

The program is a joint venture of the Fairfield Coin Club, our Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), and the Vallejo Numismatic Society. It is hoped to commence this February 2019 at the Cupertino (California) Coin Club's Show.

## **Legacy Fund**

The 'Legacy Fund' remains and welcomes donations. NCNA is a bona fide 501c3 non-profit. Donations would be acknowledged and listed in NCNA HEADS AND TALES, unless preferred not. The 'Legacy Fund' has supported youth numismatics and purchased loanable PowerPoint Projectors. Charitable donations can be mailed to '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590**'.

## **Miller Medal**

Certainly and concretely, our Association's most coveted and esteemed honor is the august '*Miller Medal*', '*The Ron Miller Memorial Award*', named for the still remembered and respected late Ronald Lee Miller (1944—1993), well-known coin dealer and coin activist. A roster of the recipients to date would be published in a future NCNA HEADS AND TALES, or it may be requested at [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com) or writing to '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'.

Deadline for written nominations is June 30, 2019, and the deadline is mandatory. The written nomination must be complete and emphasize the intended nominee service and support to our hobby and specific around northern California.

Nominators are caution to note that every prior recipient has had, and with most all, an extensive and enthused service and support in and with organized numismatics, and not just one local coin club, plus to the hobby as a program presenter, exhibitor, benefactor, and dedicated worker.

There are other recognitions worthy for presentation, as the '*President's Medal*', which is the prerogative of out Association's President. Inquiries as to the '*Miller Medal*' and its criteria may be to the Awards Coordinator as previously reported.

## **Representation**

Your Editor and Treasurer has scheduled these three local coin club shows to staff a 'combination table', promoting the American Numismatic Association (ANA), our Association, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), youth numismatics, plus hobby information and fliers for local coin club events, an 'all in one table'.

**February 17, 2019, Sunday, Cupertino (California) Coin Club's Show, St. Joseph of Cupertino Catholic Church, Church Hall. Admission: \$2.00,**

**March 3, 2019, Sunday, Livermore Valley (California) Coin Club's Show, Elks Lodge, and**

**April 28, 2019, Sunday, Vallejo (California) Numismatic Society's Show, Florence Douglas Center.**

NCNAers are welcomed to visit and to converse with Your Editor and Treasurer at these 'combination tables' and observe efforts to promote our hobby.

Donations of 'Ike Dollars' and Kennedy Halves could be offered at these 'combination tables' toward the aforementioned '**IKE's For A's / JFK's For B's**'.

## **Speakers**

It has been decades since our Association had a 'Speakers' Service', and with modern means of Power Point, such a service or support might be outdated. However, over the past few years, there have been some inquiries and requests. To this end, if a local coin club or any group seeking a speaker or program, please contact Your Editor and Treasurer for recommendations and referrals

## COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: P.N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are \$15 each. You may also e mail the information to: [freddydh@gmail.com](mailto:freddydh@gmail.com)

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: [www.solanocoinclub.com](http://www.solanocoinclub.com) and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

Feb. 9-10, 2019 **SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO.** San Francisco Area Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco 94080. Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Admission \$4, \$2 off with coupon. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: [scott@griffin.com](mailto:scott@griffin.com)

Feb. 15-16  
2019 **SANTA ROSA.** Redwood Empire Coin Club 51st Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves. Admission \$1, under 12 free.

Feb. 17, 2019 **CUPERTINO.** "Cupertino" Coin Club 47th Annual Coin Show, St. Joseph's Church Hall, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd., (corner De Anza and Stevens Creek) Cupertino, 95015 Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. Admission: \$2 adults, youth 17 and under free

Mar. 3, 2019 **LIVERMORE.** Livermore Valley Coin Club 56th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Jonathan Mitchell, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 954-5221.

Mar. 22-4, 2019 **SANTA ROSA** "2019" WESTS Token Show and Jamboree. Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa 95404. Contact: Merle Avila 707-585-3711 [merle@avilaarchitects.com](mailto:merle@avilaarchitects.com).

April 12-13, 2019 **SANTA CLARA** CoinExpo Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp and Sports Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: [scott@griffincoin.com](mailto:scott@griffincoin.com)

April 28, 2019 **VALLEJO.** Vallejo Numismatic Society 47th Annual Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo. Admission and parking are FREE! Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P O Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428 Phone: 510-305-5339

July 27-28, 2019

**FREMONT.** Fremont Coin Club 46th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538

Sept. 14, 2019

**VALLEJO.** The 6th Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by The Northern California Numismatic Association. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Four speakers have been Scheduled: Geoffrey Bell, CANADA, Jeff Shevlin, Carson City, NV, Kyle W. Lubke, Palo Alto and Matthew L. Malvini, San Jose. The "theme" for this year is "Transportation items in Numismatics"

Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "FREE" event and there will be free door prizes and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available. Updates: [www.solanocoinclub.com](http://www.solanocoinclub.com). Questions: [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com) or 707-246-6327